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SUMMARY: THE OFFICIAL TRAVEL REPORTED LAST WEEK
CONTINUED WITH ANDY YOUNG'S TRIP GETTING EXTENSIVE
FAVORABLE PRESS TREATMENT, WHILE PATT DERIAN HAD A
PROFITABLE VISIT TO THREE COUNTRIES AND THE CANAL
ZONE. CASTRO AGREED TO RELEASE THE CUBAN FAMILIES OF
80 AMERICAN CITIZENS AND REVIEW THE CASES OF OUR
POLITICAL PRISONERS. AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ
ARE MAKING APPEARANCES ON THE HILL AND BEFORE THE
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PRESS TO ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR THE CANAL TREATY. CHILE
ANNOUNCED THAT DINA HAD BEEN ABOLISHED. DEPUTY
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH BRAZILIAN
LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

ON THE ROAD: PATT DERIAN VISITED THE US MILITARY
COMMAND IN THE CANAL ZONE WHERE SHE HAD TALKS ON U.S.

SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. SHE ALSO VISITED BOLIVIA, EL SALVADOR AND ARGENTINA, MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL THREE COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS OTHER LEADERS, FOR FRANK EXCHANGES ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS. IN BOLIVIA SHE VISITED ALL THE AMERICAN PRISONERS IN

JAIL AND DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF DUE PROCESS WITH BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS.

AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO NINE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES APPEARS TO BE FULLY LIVING UP TO EXPECTATIONS. PRESS PLAY HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE, STRESSING THE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES VISITED AND THE UNITED STATES, AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ROLE IN THE PROCESS. WE ARE UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF THE CARIBBEAN BASED IN PART ON INFORMATION GAINED DURING VARIOUS TRIPS TO THE AREA.

CUBA: THE OFFER TO SENATOR CHURCH OF THE RELEASE OF SOME 80 AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH THEIR CUBA RELATIVES IS A MAJOR CONCESSION BY CASTRO. HIS COMMITMENT TO REVIEW THE CASES OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND RELEASE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, IF HONORED, WOULD BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO REPATRIATE THE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THEIR CUBAN RELATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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A BOMB WAS TOSSED AT A VENEZUELAN AIR FORCE DC-9 IN MIAMI ON AUGUST 14 TO BACK ANTI-CASTROITE DEMANDS FOR THE RELEASE OF ORLANDO BOSCH. THE BOMB MISSED THE PLANE AND NO INJURIES RESULTED. THE LUIS BOITEL COMMANDOS TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BOMB AND THREATENED TO ATTACK A COMMERCIAL PLANE UNLESS BOSCH IS RELEASED.

PANAMA: ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, WE AND THE PANAMANIAN REACHED CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT ON THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. SEE STATE 192559. (NOTE: A FEW POSTS HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY DID NOT RECEIVE THE ENTIRE CABLE. PLEASE INFORM IF YOU ARE MISSING PARTS OF IT). WE ARE ORGANIZING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE TREATIES. THUS FAR THE RESPONSE FROM THE PRESS HAS BEEN FAVORABLE AND MOST OF THE QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS ARE HELPFUL.

AMBASSADORS BUNKER AND LINOWITZ APPEARED ON MEET THE PRESS ON SUNDAY AND HAD A VERY GOOD INTERVIEW. ON AUGUST 17 THEY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE TO REPORT ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. THEIR INITIAL STATEMENTS WERE PUBLIC,

AS WAS THE QUESTIONING.

DINA ABOLISHED IN CHILE: ON AUGUST 12 PRESIDENT PINOCHET ANNOUNCED THAT THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE, DINA, HAD BEEN ABOLISHED. A NEW AGENCY, THE NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER, CNI, HAS BEEN CREATED TO "GATHER AND EVALUATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NATIONAL SECURITY." CNI WILL NOT HAVE ARREST POWERS. THESE HAVE BEEN DELEGATED TO THE REGULAR POLICE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MANY DINA PERSONNEL WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CNI. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE JUST BEFORE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO, AND THERE IS INEVITABLE SPECULATION THAT ABOLISHMENT OF THE FEARED DINA IS LARGELY AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE GOC'S CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE BOTH WITH THE US AND WITH INTERNATIONAL AND CHILEAN DOMESTIC OPINION. WE REGARD THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AS POSITIVE, BUT WILL WAIT TO SEE WHETHER THE CHANGE IS COSMETIC OR REAL.

BRAZIL: DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AGREED TO MEET WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS IN THE BRAZILIAN SENATE FRIDAY TO DISCUSS THE GEISEL ADMINISTRATION'S MOVES THIS YEAR TO TIGHTEN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN BRAZIL.

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